

# CONNECTED

## Marietta Power & Water 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary



April 2006

## A Century of Service Marietta Power and Water ∞ Since 1906 ∞

We at Marietta Power and Water are proud to be celebrating our 100th anniversary this year, providing you, our customers, with 100 years of service. 100 years of growth. 100 years of dependability.

During the remainder of 2006 Marietta Power and Water will commemorate this important milestone by remembering our proud history, highlighting our growth and accomplishments, and expressing our vision for – and confidence in – a very bright future.

On August 20, 1906 the Marietta Board of Lights and Waterworks (BLW) was created as a corporation to own and administer water and electric utilities for Marietta. John Awtry and S. D. Rambo were appointed as the first water commissioners. Sam D. Rambo chaired the first BLW Board of Directors and S. K. Dick was vice-chair. Also on the board were J. M. Fowler, T. A. Gramling and Mayor E. P. Dobbs. These early leaders laid sound groundwork for the success that has followed.

In 1942, with the arrival of the Bell Aircraft Company, dramatic improvements were made to the utility's infrastructure. The U. S. Corps of Engineers laid a 20-inch permanent main line from Atlanta for Bell's exclusive

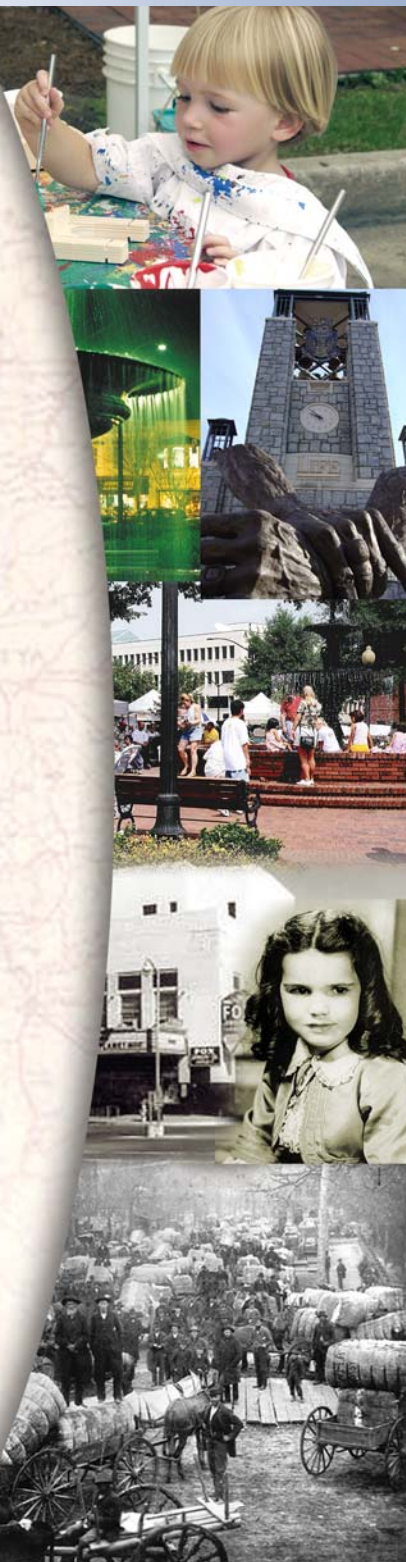
use, the first in this area to be constructed of steel rather than cast iron. The following year Marietta Power and Water expanded the water system around the Bell Bomber plant. As much as Bell Bomber's new presence helped shape the city of Marietta, it also aided the growth of Marietta Power and Water. Today, with over 45,000 residential and commercial customers, Marietta Power and Water is the biggest municipal utility in Georgia.

Throughout Marietta's rich history, Marietta Power and Water has played a vital role in the city's growth and progress. Many of the things that make Marietta an enviable city in which to live, work and play have been fostered by its public-owned utility. Our reliable infrastructure and forward-thinking leadership has helped power the growth of nationally recognized health institutions, an award-winning education system, and fostered a strong and stable financial base that attracts new businesses and excels at retaining the old.

The indefinable "sense of community" that has long characterized Marietta has been enhanced by the presence of its hometown utility. Our Board and employees are

continued

[www.mariettapower.com](http://www.mariettapower.com)





## A Century of Service (continued)

your friends and neighbors. We shop at the same stores and worship at the same churches. Our children attend the same schools and play on the same teams. We, like you, love our community and are committed to its continued growth and prosperity.

Located not on Wall Street but on the North Marietta Parkway, we are convenient and accessible. We value our many customers – residential and corporate – who have been a major part of our continued success. We were excited to begin the 21st century with you, and we look forward to serving this community into the century that will follow. ⚡

# 100th Anniversary Kick-Off!

Bring your family and friends to Glover Park on the Square, Friday night, April 28, when Marietta Power and Water kicks off the yearlong celebration of its 100th anniversary. Performing at that first concert in the 2006 Glover Park Concert Series will be TYN TYMES featuring music of the 60s and 70s. The event will include a giant birthday cake, gifts for the audience and special guests. The concert, which begins at 8 p.m., is free and open to the public. To reserve a table, call the Marietta Parks and Recreation Department at

(770) 794-5601 beginning April 3. Tables for six are \$35 and tables for eight are \$45. Tables are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Marietta Power and Water will participate in the 4th of July parade by showcasing an exciting anniversary float and sponsoring the public fireworks show that evening.

During Public Power Week in October numerous public events are planned and will be announced later.

Please join us as we celebrate our 100th birthday! ⚡

## Calendar of Events

For a complete list of City of Marietta events please visit [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov) and click on Calendar of Events.

### **Sunday, April 30** **Taste of Marietta**

Marietta Square, Marietta  
Free  
Sponsored by the Marietta Welcome Center (770) 429-1115.

### **Thursday, May 4, 11, 18, 25** **Brown Bag Concert**

Glover Park, Marietta  
Noon, free  
Call (770) 794-5601

**Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.**

### **May 6 and 7** **Marietta Daze Arts & Crafts Festival**

Glover Park in Marietta Square  
Free  
Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Call (770) 794-5601 for information.

### **May 20 and 21** **Marietta Bluegrass Festival**

Jim R. Miller Park, Marietta  
Friday 5:30 to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday 12:30 to 11:30 p.m.  
\$10 to \$12 admission; under 12 free.  
Call (770) 961-5974 for information or visit [www.jackgrass.com](http://www.jackgrass.com).

### **Friday, May 26** **Glover Park Evening Concert Series**

Jesters  
Marietta Square, Marietta  
8 p.m., free  
Call (770) 794-5601 for information.

### **Saturday, June 10** **Take A Kid Fishing**

Laurel Park, Marietta  
Saturday 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free.  
The lakes are stocked with various fish.  
Call (770) 794.5601 for information.

## City news by e-mail

Subscribe to the City of Marietta's E-News mailing list to receive the latest news, events and emergency updates. Log on to [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov) and scroll down to the "How Do I" section.